

c) whether it is fact that large number of students of Bombay - Karnataka Districts are being deprived of this benefit due to above policy of the Government.

SRI M. RAGHUPATHY (Minister for Education).—

a & b) All students studying from I Standard to VII Standard in all Government, Bangalore City Corporation and Aided Schools.

e) No.

#### COMPULSORY EDUCATION SYSTEM

108. SRI B. M. THIPPESWAMY (Bharamasagar).—Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state.

a) when the Compulsory Education System came into existence; the reasons for not achieving the targets fixed for this system;

b) the total cost for providing free clothes and books to the children from 1st to 10th Standard;

SRI M. RAGHUPATHY (Minister for Education).—

a) In force from 6th May 1961. At the end of 1984-85 as against the target of 56,825 lakh children enrolment, 55.460 children have been admitted. The reason for not achieving the target is due to poverty, illiteracy and ignorance of parents.

b) Under the VIDYA VIKASA programme of free supply of text books to children studying from 1st to 7th Standards in Government aided and Corporation Schools, also free supply of uniforms to the children studying in 1st and 2nd Standard and to the SC/ST Girls students studying from 3rd to 7th standard. will be made. The expenditure on this will be Rs. 411.50 lakhs and Rs. 1258.20 lakhs respectively.

#### Policy of Government in encouraging schools and other Educational Institutions to prepare Nurseries

21. SRI K. H. PATIL (Gadag).—Will the Minister of State for Primary and Adult Education be pleased to state;

a) whether it is the Policy of the Government to encourage schools and other educational institutions to prepare nurseries; if so the type of assistance given in this regard?